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We apologize to any others we may have overlooked but thank everyone who has contacted us.



#### OFLAG 64 HALL OF REMEMBRANCE "Donations of War Mementos"

Dear Oflag 64 Association family,

We are looking forward to the Oflag 64 Hall of Remembrance groundbreaking ceremonies to take place in Szubin Poland before the end of this year, and we're excited that renovation plans are in the works. We have been asking Oflag 64 living Kriegies and their family members to consider donating WWI mementos, specifically those obtained during and around the time Kriegies were held at Oflag 64.

We will begin temporarily storing donated items at a US location or locations in coming weeks and months, locations to be announced soon. Donated items will be stored in homes of Oflag 64 family members and will be kept indoors in safe conditions. Donated documents will be scanned and used primarily in video displays, although actual documents may also be displayed under glass. Other items, such as uniforms, eating utensils, helmets, caps, dog tags, firearms, ammunition and other larger items will be on displayed at any one time will be determined by available space. As time goes by, the plan is to have all donated items stored at the museum facility. Donations can be rotated through exhibits as more are received. Names of people donating mementos will have their names attached to the items and will be credited with the donation.

To give you an idea of things that can be displayed, one member of our association has volunteered the following: telegrams, local newspaper article, razor and five blades used the entire time, partial rolls of toilet paper (prized possessions), German wooden bullets, a German 88 artillery fuse and other items. We're looking forward to receiving such war mementos.

Please let us know if you have any questions. More information will be available in coming weeks and months about when, where and how to donate.



Best to you, Elodie and Bill Caldwell ITEM Editor and Webmaster



## A LITTLE COMPANY BUSINESS

| Postage Fund Donors  | Re-enactment coming in September  |
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| THANKS to those who generously donate to the postage, reunion, or Hall of Remembrance funds. We appreciate your thoughtful contributions to any of these funds.                    | Once again we're pleased to announce that the 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Annual "Living History" Reenactment will take place<br>at the camp site of Oflag 64 this coming September.<br>The tentative date is September 22. We will let you<br>know as soon as we have confirmation so you can |
| Steve Burgauer<br>If you would like to contribute to a specific fund,<br>please make your check payable to <u>Oflag 64</u><br><u>Postage Fund</u> , write the intended fund on the | make plans to attend. Those who attended last year said it was a wonderful experience and truly awe inspiring.  |
| memo line, and mail your donation to:  | Where Are They Now?   |
| Bret Job(after 4/16)orElodie Caldwell2801 SW 46 <sup>th</sup> St2731 Terry AveCape Coral FLLongview WA33914-602698632-4437You can also donate online through VENMO (like           | We have lost contact with a few of our Oflag 64<br>Association Kriegies and family members. If you<br>are in contact with any of the following, please let us<br>know. We would love to hear from them again.   |
| PayPal) if you have an account. Please ask us for details.   | Wilfred M. Boucher – Chula Vista CA<br>David E. Crocker – Nederland TX<br>Louis J. DiBella – Glen Ridge NJ  |
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If you have anything to submit for print in the ITEM, please contact Elodie at the contact address on the front page of this publication. If you send photos, digital scans of original photos or anything that can be sent in .jpg format, that works great. If you are unable to scan photos, I would be glad to scan the originals and send them back to you. Documents can also be sent in .pdf format. Thank you very much.

Also, if you notice errors or omissions, or find links that don't work properly, please let us know at <u>elodie@oflag64.us</u>. Thank you for your patience with this sometimes slow process.











**STEVE BURGAUER** (author and member of our Oflag 64 Association family) sent a donation to our Postage Fund a while back. *Thank you, Steve, for your thoughtful contribution.* 

*We appreciate all our supporters and enjoy hearing from you.* 



**CINDY AND GLENN BURGESS** (daughter and son-in-law of Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe) while looking through some of Bill's Oflag 64 mementos, found

a photo from the 1950 Reunion, which was scanned and sent to us, showing Bill and Mary Sharp sitting right in front. See the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. You can see a larger version of it on the galleries page of our website under Reunions > Other Years. Also among Bill's mementos was a copy of a letter from a Polish gentleman sent to Bill after he returned home from the war. It's also included in the Kriegy News and Information section. In a separate email, the Burgesses shared that the Arlington interment of Emily Bickers (wife of the late Kriegy Jim Bickers) had been rescheduled to 13 March at 10:00 am due to poor weather on the previously scheduled date. Thank you Cindy and Glenn for sharing these mementos with us. Isn't it fun finding these treasures? Thanks also for updating us on Emily Bicker's funeral service.



#### SUSANNA CONNAUGHTON

(daughter of the late Kriegy Seymour Bolten) wrote to thank us for the work that is done on the ITEM. She appreciates the

information and enjoys hearing from other members of our Oflag 64 family. She also sent a digital photocopy of Kriegies at the 1964 reunion taken from an original provided by Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe. See the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM and also photo #8 in the galleries section of our website under Reunions > Other years. In a separate email, Susanna shared information about a conference she and Pat Waters recently attended at the WWII Museum along with the following fun story: "The great nephew of Kriegie John T. Jones was at the conference. He came up to me and told me that all he knew about his uncle, was that he was captured in North Africa in February 1943. I asked him if he was an officer, and where his POW camp was. He said yes, and he thought maybe Poland. I looked him up on your data base, and there he was! The nephew was delighted. Then, he told me that there was a family story that his great uncle was in charge of the still at the camp! (he was from Texas). I said, I bet he knew the other Texans, Chappell and Carter, and that maybe he was the guy who assisted with the 'Fake Drunk Party!'" Susanna commented that it was a fun way to end the day! By way of other information she shared that The WWII Museum is going to do more of these conferences about specific battles, so if people are interested they should keep an eye on the Museum website or Facebook page. This conference about the days leading up to and including Kasserine Pass may be aired on C-Span in the future or may have already been aired. Susanna, thank you for sending the reunion photo and for the fun story. You never know who you'll meet when you attend WWII conferences.



**NILS COWAN** (Oflag 64 family member and Producer/Writer) wrote in response to a question we had about the MIS-X documentary he was working on several years back which was aired by National

Geographic. That documentary is no longer available online but he has DVD's for sale for anyone interested. Nils says he enjoys receiving the ITEM and other updates and hopes we continue sending them. *Thank you, Nils, for the information about the MIS-X documentary and*  the DVD that is available. It was great hearing from you again.

**TOM DETMERS** (son of the late Kriegy Arthur V. Detmers) wrote in response to the podcast of Jimmie Kanaya's stories saying: "This is way cool! Jimmie served with the 442nd, they went arm in arm with Dad's 34th ID. They churned up a lot of ground together. Every one of those Japanese Americans were heroes. They all should have gotten the Silver Star at the least for the battles they fought both at home and overseas." *Tom, thanks for sharing your thoughts about the podcast. Our veterans are true patriots and heroes.* 

SHANE DOPSON (a new member of our Oflag 64 Association family) wrote that his wife's grandfather, Ernest Roy Pellant, was held at Oflag 64 and kept a journal with several illustrations, maps, list of many kinds, and other information about daily life in the camp. We learned that Ernest's name does not show on our Oflag 64 database so are researching a date of his arrival for confirmation that he was held at Oflag 64. Shane stated that Ernest was in the Canadian Army at the time so he may have arrived at the camp when it was Oflag XXIB. Shane offered to send information to add to our website that might be helpful for others to learn about. He also asked to be added to our email list. Shane, thank you for your offer of information. We're looking forward to receiving it in the future. Welcome also to our Oflag 64 Association family. You have been added to our email list as requested so should be hearing from us soon.

**RONALD N. HARDY** (son of the late Kriegy Ronald R. Hardy) has been sending us updated information on his dad's database record and we're happy to say that each correction has now been made. We are always interested in getting it right. We hope others who find information that needs to be changed on Kriegy records will also let us know. *Thank you, Ron, for your updates and for being patient with the process which has sometimes taken a while.* 

**ANN HART-OTTERBEIN** (daughter-in-law of Louis W. Otterbein) has been sending photos and information regarding Lou's days at Oflag 64. Some has already been added to our website and some we are in the process of putting together to add to the website soon.

Thanks Ann for so diligently scanning and sending information. We've enjoyed reading the pages of Lou's diary you've already sent.

**DAVID HINCKLEY** (son of the late Kriegy De Hinckley) wrote that he is trying to put together the rest of his dad's military service record and asked for suggestions about best places to look. He also asked to be added to our email list. Thank you, David, for contacting us and welcome to our Oflag 64 Association family. We have added you to our email list as requested so you will be hearing from us soon. We hope you were able to maneuver through the National Archives website to get the information you needed.

**H. RANDOLPH HOLDER** (son of the late Kriegy H. Randolph "Boomer" Holder) wrote in response to a request from Gordon Valentine regarding Gordon's grandfather, the late Kriegy John L. Peyton. Boomer was captured at Kasserine Pass near the same time Gordon's grandfather was so hopefully there's a connection. H. Randolph reached out to Gordon and offered a text version of Boomer's book that mentions Gordon's grandfather. Thanks H. Randolph for reaching out with information that could be of help to Gordon. Quite a few of our men were captured at Kasserine Pass so hopefully there will be many connections that can be made.



**BRET JOB** (Oflag 64 Treasurer and son-in-law of the late Kriegy Ray E. Holmquist) wrote that he is moving from Minnetonka MN to Cape Coral FL and will be there by April 16. So, if you have Postage

Fund contributions to send, please hold them until April 16 and then you can send them to Bret at the address on the front page of this ITEM. If you are interested in making a contribution online, please get a Venmo account (similar to PayPal), then let Bret or me know and one of us will send you information for making a contribution. *Thanks you, Bret, for sending your new address. Looking forward to hearing all about your move. Hope you have a smooth transition.* 



**LYNN KANAYA** (wife of Kriegy Jimmie Kanaya) wrote to let us know about a podcast that included stories of Jimmie's time in spent in Oflag 64, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. It can be accessed online using this link: <u>Episode 7:</u> Prisoner of War - Stories from Everyday

Thank you, Lynn, for sending this podcast. We love hearing our Kriegies' stories. They never get old. And thanks to Jimmie for his selfless service during all those years.

RICHARD KESSLER (researcher on WWII escapes and evasions) recently came across documents pertaining to a proposal to send in planes and airborne troops to rescue POWs in Oflag 64 during the war. He was wondering if that was common knowledge. Since his first inquiry, we have shared a few emails back and forth regarding the MIS-X project. He has guite a bit of information already, but if you have information to share that can help Richard, particularly about sending in planes and airborne troops, he would be pleased to know. He would also be interested in knowing which, if any, of our remaining Kriegies might have been involved with MIS-X. Thanks, Richard, for contacting us and for sending information on the escape plans. We'll be posting it online right away. There's so much to learn yet and we're excited to learn it all.



**ANNE KREUTZER** (daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel R. Hoskot) has requested the following information: "I am researching the D-Day story of my father, Lt Col Nathaniel R. Hoskot. Part of the

82nd A/B, he was re-assigned a few days before D-Day to jump as a liaison with a stick from the 101st which was carrying in some of Gen Taylor's communication equipment. I believe his plane took off from Welford, in southern England. Off-course, they jumped about 0125 on June 6, and he and 6-7 others were captured later on D-Day. I am trying to figure out where he landed, and where he was captured. His unmarked POW convoy of 150 men left from around Etienville the next day and after a couple of hours was strafed three times by Allied planes, resulting in the deaths of 19 American POWs, many from the 82nd's 508 PIR. Dad and some of the other officers in the convoy ended up in OFLAG-64 mid July - among them were 2nd Lt Adam B. Young and 1st Lt. Charles R. Hughes, who are listed in our database. If anyone has anything to share that might be of assistance, please email Anne at:

annekreutzer@hotmail.com" Anne, thank you for providing such a good introduction to your request and thank you always for your support of Oflag 64.

**ORVILLE T. LOWE** (Kriegy) emailed to let us know that he has moved from Arkansas and is now living closer to his daughter in Topeka Kansas. Orville also asked to be added to our email list. *Thank you, Orville, for providing us* with your change of address. *Thanks also for connecting with us by email. We have added you to our email list as requested.* 



**NOEL LUMPKIN** (granddaughter of the late Kriegy Tony Lumpkin) is a member of Toastmasters here in Longview, where I live. She recently invited me to attend their open house where she gave the

keynote speech titled "Under the Circumstances" which told a bit of the story about <u>Captured</u> <u>Yesterday</u>, the book recently published containing her grandfather's war diary. I must say that I was pleased and honored to be asked to attend. Noel gave a wonderful speech and as I looked around the room could tell that she definitely captivated the audience. *Thank you, Noel, for your gracious invitation to attend the Open House. I was so impressed with your presentation. You have a great talent!!* 



**LUCY LUSSENDEN** (widow of the late Kriegy Donald Lussenden) is hopeful that her husband's book will be able to be added to our website. She is in the process of getting it prepared and ready to

send us before long. It will be a great addition to the other information we have online. Lucy, thank you so much for allowing us to put Don's book online. We look forward to posting it once received. And thank you also for the other news and updates you send. Much appreciated.

LYNNE MELTESEN (daughter of the late Kriegy Clarence Meltesen) still has a few copies of her dad's book "Roads to Liberation". If you are interested in a copy, please email Lynne at the following email address:

<u>lynne.meltesen@gmail.com</u>. She will give you details. *Thank you, Lynne, for making these copies available. I can't count the number of times l've referred to my copy to give information* 

## to someone who has asked about their Kriegy family member.

MARIANNE MERRIAM (daughter of Kriegy Francis Eugene Liggett) thanked us for including her parents' anniversary photo in the last ITEM and thanked us for helping to keep Kriegy memories alive. As she read the ITEM, she saw the article about the Hall of Remembrance and the request for memorabilia. We hope her dad and other Oflag 64 Kriegies and families will eventually donate their Oflag 64 mementos to the Hall of Remembrance project. At one time we thought we had a place to store war mementos in Poland but that's no longer the case, so as soon as we narrow down a temporary holding location here in the US, we will let everyone know. Marianne, we are thrilled at the prospect of eventually receiving some of your father's war mementos if he would like us to have them, and thank you for your interest in finding a place to display them. Our future Hall of Remembrance will be the perfect home.

**BILL MOORE** (nephew of the late Kriegy Lewis E. Moore) wrote to let us know how much he enjoys reading the accounts of our Oflag 64 POWs. Bill believes his uncle was on the march to Moosburg but isn't certain. In a separate email he wrote with the following request: "A question please. Lewis passed on in '79 as you folks already know. He had three children, a step daughter (Ann), and two boys by his wife Leona. I have lost contact many years ago with these three "kids". However, I am trying to reconnect with the boys. Tom and Victor, I am not certain if either is still living. Tom would be about 75 or so, and Vic about 70 or so. I last knew that Tom was still living in the State of Ohio, and I believe that Victor was in California. As I said, I am a cousin of theirs as my Dad (Harold) was a brother to Lewis. My question to you folks is, if you can help me, has either Tom or Victor Moore ever inquired about their father. I have no idea if they even know that he was a prisoner at Oflag 64, but I would think that at some point in their lives they may be trying to find out about their father and his involvement in WWII. I have tried other avenues to find them, and had given up until I thought that there may be a connection here with Oflag 64. So, I know this may be a lot of work for you, but if you can I surely would like to find out if either Tom or Vic are still living, and just where they may be living.

I would greatly appreciate any help here that you

can give me. Thank you. I live in Lima, Ohio, just 30 miles or so south of Findlay, Ohio, where Lewis and his wife lived (after his 30 year military career) and they are also buried there." *Thank you, Bill, for writing once again. We hope with some of the information we've previously provided that you're able to narrow down some names. And hopefully someone reading this will have information to share as well.* 



**GAIL RAHAL** (widow of the late Kriegy Nick Rahal) wrote to thank us for the work we do on the ITEM and also to let us know that she has a new email address so she

can read the ITEMs online. Gail, thank you for updating us on your new email address. We will be happy to include you in the emails when each new ITEM is online. Please let us know if you would like a hardcopy again in the future.

**MARGIE SLACK** (daughter of the late Kriegy John Slack) sent greetings, thanked us for the work we do for Oflag 64, and let us know she has moved to another town in Virginia not far from her previous address. *Thanks, Margie, for your updated information and for your thoughtful comments. We have made the address change you sent.* 



**DAVE STEWART** (son of the late Kriegy Donald B. Stewart) wrote to let us know that his dad was captured at Kasserine Pass and has been in contact with Gordon Valentine. He shared that Gordon's

grandfather was mentioned on pages 6 and 115 in Boomer's book, <u>Escape to Russia</u>. It will be interesting to hear what Gordon learns as time goes by. *Thank you, Dave, for reaching out to Gordon.* So many of our Kriegy fathers and grandfathers had like experiences in similar places during the war. Thanks also for your continued support of Oflag 64.

**GORDON VALENTINE** (grandson of the late Kriegy John L. Peyton) wrote requesting information from anyone who might have information to share about his grandfather's war experiences, in particular his time at Oflag 64. He shared that his grandfather was captured at the Battle of Kasserine Pass in Tunisia on February 14, 1943 and became fluent in French, German and Spanish while a POW. He actually gave language lessons to other POWs. He reported in a separate email that the query to our Oflag 64 Association family yielded three helpful responses about which he was very excited. Gordon, thank you for contacting us. We are so happy to hear of the responses you received after our email query. We hope the information you seek continues to pour in.



**FRANK VAN LUNTEREN** (historian and Oflag 64 Association family member from Holland) wrote to update us on some information he had relating to Kriegy Louis Otterbein being in G Company

rather than H Company of the 504<sup>th</sup> PIR. Lou was in the same rifle company as Kriegies Charles Witt and Harry Evans. Frank also shared information about Kriegy Charles Kouns and provided a photo which included him prior to a jump. See the photo of Charles Kouns in the Kriegy News and Information section of this ITEM. *Thank you, Frank, for all the information you share. We are happy to hear that you have made a connection with Charles Kouns' granddaughter. Success to you on your new book.* 



JANE VRIESACKER (daughter of the late Kriegy Otto Amerell), after looking through photos on our website galleries page, was able to identify her father in one of the photos. She wrote that in

the 1980s her father was interviewed for an oral history project and was hopeful that we could help her make contact with that individual. Happy to say that we were able to find contact information for the interviewer. Jane, thank you for writing and for identifying your father in one of our gallery photos. We hope you were successful in locating the interviewer as well as the interviews.

CECILY



#### WEATHERFORD

(daughter of the late Kriegy Reid Ellsworth and one of my wonderful siblings) wrote to let us know that she really enjoys reading the ITEMS and that she appreciates

what goes into putting them together. Thanks, Cecily, for your sweet comments and thanks for taking the time to write them to us. We love hearing from our personal and Oflag 64 family members and your comments made our day.



**ELLEN WARTHEN** (daughter of the late Kriegy William D. "Bill" Warthen) sent information we requested regarding the Columbus Reunion so that we could label

photos and put them online. Thanks to Annette Secor Nelson for sending the photos and thanks to Ellen for helping us label them. Ellen commented that looking at the photos made her remember many happy moments of sharing times with our magnificent Kriegies. *Thanks, Ellen, for your help identifying photos. We agree that looking at photos brings back many happy memories.* 



**BILL WENZEL** (one of our Oflag 64 Association family members) sent copies of photos he found on eBay. They were part of a collection of letters to and from George Durgin. We're happy to say that they are in

the hands of the Durgin family. *Bill, thanks for the heads up on the eBay photos. Our Oflag 64 Association has been the "winner" of some great Oflag 64 memorabilia in the past. We need to keep our eyes peeled for more.* 



**MARIUSZ WINIECKI** (researcher and Oflag 64 Association family member in Poland) has sent regular updates about the progress of work on the remaining barrack at the site of Oflag 64 and plans for its

renovation. He is in contact with members of our Oflag 64 Association and is keeping them informed of next steps in the process. As discussion has taken place regarding mementos for the Hall of Remembrance, Mariusz recently shared that there are very few WWII artifacts still left at the site. Even the stoves are not original. After looking over a 1952 construction permit, Mariusz found that new walls, new flues and stoves were added at that time. Mariusz has also shared that this year's reenactment is tentatively planned for September 22 or very close to that date. More information to come. Thank you, Mariusz, for your continued work on the Hall of Remembrance project and on all things Oflag 64. We greatly appreciate your knowledge and expertise and look forward to learning something new from you on a regular basis. It's been a blessing to have you working with us. Our best to your family!

# Happy Birthday to our Amazing Kriegy Patriots and Heroes!!



Coming Up....

Don WafulApril 8102 yearsWilbur SharpeJune 2496 years

## Please let us know Kriegy ages and birthdates so we can wish all a well- deserved HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

AND Kriegies, please send a photo or photos of you on your birthday, no matter how old or young you are. We would love to include them in the ITEM.



HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> TED ROGGEN!!



### **KRIEGY NEWS & INFORMATION**

**Ted Roggen** turned 100 in February of this year. A video of the interview broadcast on ABC's Channel 13 Eyewitness News in Houston can be found at <u>http://abc13.com/society/100-and-happy-one-houstonians-secret-to-a-long-life/3125097/</u> What a delightful story!

**Frances Eugene Liggett** turned 98 also in February. There was no link to a news broadcast but we did find some information about him relating to the Veterans History Project. Click on the link below to learn more about him. There are audio files, photos, memories and some personal correspondence along with basic information from his war years. So glad our Kriegies are keeping and submitting this information. https://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.05732/

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**Anne Kreutzer**, daughter of the late Kriegy Nathaniel R. Hoskot, got wondering about who our living Kriegies are and suggested listing them in the ITEM. So, here they are. Some may show who are no longer with us and some may not show simply because we don't have knowledge of who they are. If you know of any living Kriegy who isn't showing, please let us know. Likewise, if you have information that any of those listed have passed, please also let us know.

This list shows about 30 who were held at Oflag 64 prior to the march and about 8 who were held at Hammelburg or one of the other camps.

Richard Baron - Hammelburg Joseph F. Barrett James M. Bates Wilfred M. Boucher David E. Crocker Mervin G. Danielson Robert E. Davis Henry M. Desmond Louis J. DiBella William Dohoney – Hammelburg Marvin Drum - Hammelburg Edward A. Graf Sam N. Hodges Jerome Jacobs L. Martin Jones – Hammelburg Jimmie Kanava Robert E. Levin Frances Eugene Liggett Orville T. Lowe John R. Martin

George E. Meuhlbauer Ray Millen - Hammelburg J. Jack Monaghan George Myron Warren R. Ohlhorst Rocco P. Pravidica John R. Rodgers Ted Roggen George J. Rosenthal Nathan Sachinowitz - Hammelburg Wilbur B. Sharpe Sidney Thal Harry Thompson – Hammelburg Anthony L. Vetrano Donald R. Waful Henry J. Weintraub James N. Yamazaki James C. Young Bob Zawada - Hammelburg Orpha T. Ziegler

We love our Kriegies and wish the best to all who are still with us.

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These are the reunion photos referred to in the Mail Call section sent by **Cindy and Glenn Burgess** and **Susanna Connaughton**. Unfortunately they are so small here, it's almost too difficult to make anyone out. For larger versions check our website galleries under Reunions > Other Years, for the 1950 and 1964. Looks like they were all enjoying themselves.

The top photo was taken in 1950 at the New York City Reunion and bottom one was taken in 1964 at the Philadelphia Reunion.



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The photo on the next page was taken by Robert Keith a few days after the camp was liberated, when he and a fellow Kriegy returned to the nearly deserted camp. Robert found a camera and shot the photo on the next page along with several others that can be found on our website. If you can identify any of these men who may have remained at the camp, please let us know.



This envelope and the letter on the next page were sent to us by **Cindy and Glenn Burgess** and were found among things in Wilbur "Bill" Sharpe's files. They were dated 1946.

B. Sharpe

My dear lany months passed by after I had written lou, but not get any answer. ase write to me all about you, how you CATE hom e, your experiences on the way however wellcomed at home and how you feel, and what you are doing at present. I got a lefter from Earl Hoffman who was with you a. It was long ago that you and Earl werg bait I verit often think of and your vieiss Irealize des of the the you of your people at actival. What impression have you Best of Jul comparing our Imasked towns to your powerful tig country, where there are huge skyseraper a many othere interesting things. Icould only ad more your country in films and books should like to see it with my own eyes. Those send me some cords with sights of your found and villages, seas and mountains If you can please send me some books about your country history and literature of Imercica and latest astronomy and fi physices. Sell your friends to write to me, if affords me a great pleasure to have friends oversees and correspond with them In case Wilbur is not at home, Jask his family to send may letter over and to write to me his address reet you hear

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As I was looking through various online records the other day, I ran across the following US POWs Release List. I thought it was a great find just because the list appeared to be primarily Kriegies from Oflag 64. Here's the link: <u>http://www.genealogybuff.com/misc/ww2\_pow\_1.htm</u>

#### Extracted from the March 12, 1945 issue of the New York Times:

RESCUED WAR PRISONERS - WASHINGTON, March 11 (UP) -- The War Department tonight published its seventh list of part of the United States military personnel liberated from German prison camps by the advancing Russian Army.

Those from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut follow:

ABRAHAMS, 1st Lt. HARRY H.; Mrs. Marion Abrahams, mother of Long Beach, N. Y.

BALL, 2d Lt. JAMES A.; Mrs. Agnes Ball, aunt. of 78 Vineyard Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.

BANCKER, 2d Lt. JAMES W.; Mrs. Ethel K. Bancker, mother, of Summit, N. J.

BURGHARDT, 1st Lt. WILLIAM C.: William Burghardt, father, of 8402 89th Ave., Woodhaven. Queens, New York City.

CANNON, 1st Lt. JOHN E.; Mrs. Rosemary V. Cannon, wife, of 4601 Bergenline Ave., Union City, N. J.

CARNRIGHT, S/Sgt. RICHARD G.; Mrs. Jeanne G. Carnright, wife, of Saugerties, N. Y.

CORBIN, 1st Lt. FRANK H.; Mrs. Grace M. Corbin, mother, of Friendship, N. Y.

D'ANNUNZIO, 2d Lt. RALPH M.; Mrs. Irene D'Annunzio, mother, of 939 E. 230th St., the Bronx, New York City.

EBERLE. 2d Lt. CHARLES G.; Mrs. Gustave Eberle, mother, of Roselle Park. N. J.

EVANS, S/Sgt. EARL G.; Louis Evans, father, of 2386 Ryer Ave., New York City.

FRIEDMAN, 2d Lt. JOSEPH S.; Issadore C. Friedman, father, of Clifton, N. J.

GEDDES, 1st Lt. WILLIAM L.; Mrs. Carolyn P. Geddes, wife, of 1569 Metropolitan Ave., New York City.

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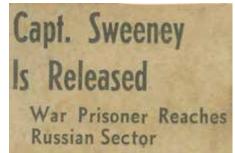
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From reading the Mail Call section you'll remember that **Gordon Valentine** is searching for Kriegies who were captured at the Battle of Kasserine Pass. The newspaper clipping sent by **Ross Valles** is about Oflag 64 Kriegy James L. Sweeney. The article's date and location are unknown.



Among the prisoners liberated in Szubin, Poland is Capt. James L. Sweeney of Pensacola, it was learned Thursday through an incomplete list released by the Associated Press.

Captain Sweeney, field artillery officer, was captured Feb. 14, 1943 in the battle of Casserine Pass. He had served a year overseas prior to his imprisonment.

His wife is the former Miss Florence Zelius, 401 West DeSoto street. His mother is Mrs. James L. Sweeney, Sr., of Pensacola. Two visters, Mrs. P. A. Payne and Mrs. Nan Westling, and a brother, John J. Sweeney, also lives in Pensacols

#### A little about Kasserine Pass

In February of 1943, German General Erwin Rommel and his Afrika Korps launched an offensive against an Allied defensive line in Tunisia, North Africa. The Kasserine Pass was the site of the United States' first major battle defeat of the war.

General Erwin Rommel was dispatched to North Africa in February 1942, along with the new Afrika Korps, to prevent his Italian Axis partner from losing its territorial gains in the region to the British. Despite his skill, until this point Rommel had been unable to do much more than manage his own forces' retreats, but the Battle of Kasserine Pass would finally display the "Desert Fox's" strategic genius.

Rommel set his sites of Tunis, Tunisia's capital and a key strategic goal for both Allied and Axis forces. Rommel determined that the weakest point in the Allied defensive line was at the Kasserine Pass, a 2-mile-wide gap in Tunisia's Dorsal Mountains, which was defended by American troops. His first strike was repulsed, but with tank reinforcements, Rommel broke through on February 20, 1943, inflicting devastating casualties on the U.S. forces. The Americans withdrew from their position, leaving behind most of their equipment. More than 1,000 American soldiers were killed by Rommel's offensive, and hundreds were taken prisoner. <a href="https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/battle-of-the-kasserine-pass">https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/battle-of-the-kasserine-pass</a>

# **Battle of Kasserine Pass**



Kasserine Pass is a little north of dead center on the map.

Ross Valles previously sent the clippings on the next couple of pages as well. They were dated February 22, 1945 and were published in the Atlanta Journal.

# WRIGHT BRYAN'S STORY OF PRISON CAMP RELEASE

## Russians Bring Joy to Wounded; Nazis Remove Men Able to Walk

was captured by the Germans near Chaumont, France, last September 12, after being wounded in the leg while serving as a war correspondent for his paper and National Broadcasting Company. He was freed by the Red Army from a Nazi prison camp, Oflag 64, at Szubin, Poland, on January 22. Bryan, tall and lean, flew with the first paratroopers over France on D-Day. His story, which follows, was taken from area and the men marched out the Szubin, Poland, to Moscow by a Soviet officer who delivered gate in a column of threes, esit to Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore. The corted by German guards. dispatch was made available to Associated Press members by courtesy of The Atlanta Journal.

By WRIGHT BRYAN, Associate Editor The Journal

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SZUBIN, Poland, Feb. 20.-(Delayed)-Liberation for at least one group of American war prisoners who had been not know whether guards would held here by the Germans came within eight days after the be left with us or whether trans-Red Army had launched its swift, powerful offensive.

Although the number of prisontrs released here was relatively can ground force officers captured But when our marching friends the largest war prison camps were opportunity to escape. located in this region and German efforts to remove them at the last by the speed of the Russian advance.

In this little Polish corridor town, a half hour's train ride

few, there is hope that many oth- in Africa, Sicily, Italy and West- moved out of sight down the highers of all Allied forces may be ern Europe were living behind way, they were followed in a little close to freedom if they have not barbed wire, waiting impatiently automobile by the last German already achieved it. Several of for the end of the war or for an ficers and soldiers in Szubin. barbed wire, waiting impatiently automobile by the last German of-

they learned from a German com- camp to Chaplain Stanley Brach, minute may have been thwarted munique of the Russian attack, of Newark, N. J., and we were beginning more than 100 miles once more under full command of eastward.

Left Behind Due to Wound

southwest of Bromberg, was a German Garrison warned the and the roof of the hospital, not camp where most of the Ameri- American prisoners to prepare for ;

evacuation of the camp on foot a any time without further notice Prisoners certified by German doctors as unfit to march were told to ready themselves to leave immediately when transportation became available,

All that day a continuous stream of civilian refugees moved wagon carts, bicycles and afool along the highway passing the camp. Sunday morning, American war prisoners held their last formation under German supervision on the camp assembly

Transportation being unavaila able for hospital patients and others unable to walk, they remained behind. This group, including a few doctors and orderlies to care for them, numbered 91. I was one of the group because of a slight bullet wound in the left leg which still was not entirely healed.

Until the last minute, we did port might yet be obtained to take us back into the German interior.

A little more than a week ago, cers handed the keys of the American officers.

Quickly we painted large Red On Saturday, January 20, the Cross flags to hang-on all sides

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A continuation of this clipping is on the next page. You'll see the name James Sweeney underlined at the right of the article. He was mentioned in the small article on the previous page,.

## BRYAN

#### **Continued** From Page 1

knowing whether any Germans were left in the vicinity or where the approaching Russians might be, Rumor placed the Russians about 50 miles away, but we had no way of confirming this,

by Italian guards on the surrender of their community but had been totaken by the Germans before Allied prisoners could be evacuated. He said Mass Sunday in the hospital ward and told us to be confident, this time we would be free, and to pray for our friends and comrades marching through snow and subtreezing tempera-

The senior American officer remaining in camp assured us we had adequate food and fuel sup-plies for several weeks and "the Russians will be here either tomorrow or the next day, or next week, or next month-we don't know when-but they will be here.

All that day we watched through barbed-wire restooned with show icicles barbed-wire vigilant German machine gun-nets — barbed-wire which no longer held us in but which now kept unfriendly intruders outside the camp. All day wagons, some open, some covered, piodded slong the highway outside the camp. And through the night, is could hear a few mulfiled ex-

## PARTIAL LIST OF PRISONERS FREEDWITHWRIGHTBRYAN

Following is an incomplete list of Americans now in the lib-rated Szubin prison camp as reported by Wright Bryan in his copyrighted story which appears on this page:

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Tied highway and won-nen someone saw two rock, of Roanoke, Va.; T. M. Holt.

Use name garbled in cable trans-mission), of Scarsdale, N. Y.; J. A. Riley, of Pottsboro, Texas; D. W. Roberts, of Los Angeles; E. L. Rinehart, of New York City; R. T. Sweeney, of Pensacola, Fla ; J. A. Schneider, of Ames, Iowa; W. W. Smith, of Wayne, Pa.; J. N. Tid-well, of Nogales, Ariz.

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Roger E. Johnson, of Newport, Vt.; Vincent di Francesco, of Washington, D. C.; J. T. Alden, of Webster Grove, Mo.; B. U. Bolton, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; J. N. Bloch, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; G. Baum, of Kansas City, Mo.; J. Blaisse, of Algiers, Algeria; A. N. Blaisse, of Algiers, Algeria; A. N. Cecil Jr., of Houston, Texas; John L. Creech, of Providence, R. 1; I. C. Davis, of Dalke, Pa. O. C. Byar, of Glein Echo Heights, Md.; W. McBridge, of Buffalo, Wyo.; John S. Schwab, of Louisville: W. McHridge, of Buffalo, Wyo. Orville Kelman, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Roy W. Cureton, of Green

This photo sent by **Frank van Lunteren** pictures Kriegy Charles Kouns (504<sup>th</sup> PIR) on a Sicily Jump.



### TAPS

## Lester K. Edsall 1920 ~ 2017

Lester K. Edsall, 97, formerly of Piqua, more recently of Dorothy Love Retirement Community, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Sunday, May 28, 2017. He was born May 27, 1920 in North Star to the late Roy M. and Ellen (Rhoades) Edsall. He married Edith E. Morrow November 2, 1941 in Piqua, and she survives.

Other survivors include a son, Kenneth (Mary Anne) Edsall of Circleville; two daughters, Karen (late Raymond) Hipsher of Hilliard, Nancy (Richard) Paul of Columbus; five grandchildren, Allison (Jason) Alexander, Aaron (Inna) Edsall, Melanie Edsall (Jesse) Harrison, Courtney (Mike) Van Voorhis, Lindsay (Greg) Kaps; and eight great grandchildren, Anneliese Alexander, Blake Alexander, Kaitlyn Alexander, Maxim Edsall, Kostya Edsall, Dorian Van Voorhis, Finn Van Voorhis and Evelyn Van Voorhis.

Mr. Edsall was a 1937 graduate of Piqua Central High School and was employed as a Letter Carrier for the United State Postal Service until 1980 when he retired to his farm. He was a Captain in the United States Army

Infantry having served in the European Theater of World War II during which he was a Prisoner of War for six months and received the Purple Heart Medal



of Honor. As a sixty-five year member of Westminster Presbyterian Church he served as an Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and Advisor for the Church Webelos Scout program. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Yankee Division Veterans Association, a sixty year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and sixty-five year member of the Warren Masonic Lodge #24 having served as its High Priest. He was a volunteer for the Hufford Hahn Center, Chums program, and was distinguished in 1994 as the Outstanding Senior Citizen of Miami County. He loved his family, farm, animals and took special pride in his large productive vegetable garden.

A service to honor his life will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home with Rev. Kathleen Burslem officiating. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Private burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery where full military honors will be provided by the Veterans Elite Tribute Squad. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dorothy Love Annual Employee Christmas Fund, 2500 N. Kuther Rd., Sidney, OH 45365 one's favorite charity. Guestbook or condolences and expressions of sympathy, to be provided to the family, may be expressed through jamiesonandyannucci.com.





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